Amnesty International Report about Human Rights Violation

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SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of tho recent pamphlet put out by the Amnesty Into; national's British chapter reproducing the diary of an unknown photographer about the human tights violation bv security forces in Jammu and Kashmir which has been designed to mislead the people; and

(b) if so. what is the reaction of Government with regard to the glossing over the facts in its campaign on human rights violation in Jammu and Kashmir ignoring the human rights violation by terrorists and separatists elements ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHR1 RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Amnesty International, in its campaign journal for the British Section, had published the picture if i non-Kashmiri women under the cap tion "Kashmir—Where India has 'urned heaven into hell : First pictures from the besieged Srinagar". Government has con veyed its objections to Amnesty Inter national in the strongest possible term. throgh diplomatic channel, and sought their explanation. The said journal also carries a story titled "Unreal City" by an un-aamed freelance Italian photographer con taining vexatious allegations.

lb) The large and complex problem of terrorism being faced by India, with support from the across the border, is a well Known fact. Organised terrorism has been consistently recognised in recent timc^ as an activity aimed at the detruction of hu-rnan right'., fundamental freedom and democracy, thretaning the territorial inte- y and security of Sta'es. in various fora. However, it is often noticed that re ports of Human Rights Organisations like mesty International, Human Rights Watch e'c. for reasons not known, underplay such large scale organised terrorism and do not bring out adequately the dimen-s'on of atrocities being perpetrated by militants and terrorists. Government has. from time to time, conveyed regrets to these human rights organisations in relation to reports and mentions on India containing inaccurate or distorted facts and to their tendency to gloss over the violation of human rights by territorisfs through de-predetions penetrated by them on innocent civilians.

Atrocities committed by personnel of Para Military Forces

2333. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH .

SHRI PR A MOD M AHA JAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the reports published in the Pioneer of November, 15 and Economic Times of November 25, 1994 relating to the atrocities committed by paramilitary forces, particularly the commandos from Punjab with allegations of gangrape at two places in Kar mnagar, Andhra Pradesh;

lb) if so, what are the facts and necessary details:

(c) whether nine personnel from the Punjab squad had been suspended and sent back to their State for involvement in offences against women and what further action has been taken against each of these persons;

(dj what was the strength of the Punjab commandos posted on election duty in each of the States where elections were held recently and also in other Slates to curb terrorism and whether this was done with the prior approval of the Centre and the States concerned;

fe) whether any complaint were received from other States about the misbehaviour of Punjab commandos and their withdrawal particularly from Andhra Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh, if so. what rre the details of such complaints; and

If) what action has been take i against the persons involved in each of these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (f) The complaints \ed iii this regard are under consolation and further details are awaited.

Repeal of TADA

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SHRI GURU DAS DAS GUPTA . Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stale :

(a) whether it is fact that there is ,i per-•' tent demand from intellectuals and prominent social workers and organisations for the Repeal of the Terrorists and Disruptive Activities Act; and

fb) if so. the details and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): fa) and fh) There have been some demand for rep'Ml of TADA. A decis'on in this regard Would be taken at appronriTte time keeping in view all aspects and views expressed by Hon'ble M.Ps. as well as bv other organisations.